To the outrage of E.J. Bentley, Editor of The Arizona Minor newspaper in May 1866 mail contractor Samuel J Poston had failed to perform service on the Prescott to Albuquerque route due to notorious mail mismanagement. Eastbound Prescott mail is rerouted south 350 miles through the Arizona Territory before exiting East towards Mesilla, N.M.

Mail route 14467a departs Prescott A.T. Monday at 8AM, arrives Tucson Sunday by 8PM. Postal contract modified December 14, 1865 extending services from Tucson to Mesilla. Total postal route distance 493 miles.